

TO CONGRESS

Why not have an investigation?

Why not seize this God-sent opportunity?

Why not give to the American people—the millions on millions of ruthlessly robbed relief and restitution?

What does it matter, what can it matter, why should it matter who "leaked," who "benefited," who should be punished?

The damage has been done. Tens of thousands of people have been brutally plundered and for the hundredth time; innocent men and women, citizens of the United States, whose only fault was being caught in the devilishly devised trap of all-powerful easy-wealth hunters.

An investigation, a real investigation, will show completely, absolutely—

FIRST, That during the past two years billions and billions of bogus wealth has been created.

SECOND, Created for the sole purpose of being used as a medium to rob millions of people of their savings.

THIRD, Created by fraud and trickery, against which the people have no protection in law or in custom.

FOURTH, That this fraud-made and trick-floated wealth is at the very foundation of the people's present high cost of living desperation.

FIFTH, That the savings of the people deposited in Savings and National Banks, Trust and Insurance Companies to the extent of billions of dollars have been removed and in their place now are billions of this bogus wealth.

SIXTH, That on the days of the "leak" the selling value of this fraud-made wealth in the hands of scores of thousands of innocent people who had been tricked in exchanging their savings for it, shrunk over a billion dollars under cost.

SEVENTH, That there may come any day a similar and greater shrinkage.

EIGHTH, That this shrinkage may carry over banks, trust and insurance companies and bring to the American people the greatest commercial disaster in the history of the world. That the above may not appear exaggeration, I will say that the amount of inflation of American stocks alone during the past two years is greater than the entire value of all American stocks in 1900, and that if stocks drop in price in a single day one-half as much as they have been inflated in a single day, there will be started the greatest panic of modern times—another "leak" may any day bring such a drop.

An investigation, a real investigation now, will show completely, absolutely—

(a). The very guts of the recent "leak."

(b). Who "leaked"?

(c). Who "benefited"?

(d). But what is of a million times more import to the American people that the passage by Congress now of a single, simple law will completely, absolutely destroy this monstrous evil, and

(e). Without destroying any real values or in any way harming any honest man, woman or child, and

(f). Without harming in any way honest stock exchanges, their members or any honest one connected with them.

Again, I ask:

Why not have an investigation instead of mumble-pegging your valuable time on me, my testimony, my charges, while this God-sent opportunity is shrieking for attention?

What does it matter to the millions of suffering and soon to suffer worse men, women, and children, the victims of this monstrous system, whether I am dealt with by your great body pleasantly or harshly? What does it matter to them whether I am Toboganned to Heaven or Catapulted to Hell, provided there should come to them from my work protection from future robbing?

May I again ask with all the earnestness, with all the sincerity that is within me:

Why not give to a real investigation a sliver of the time and effort you have given to me and my simple efforts to do my bit for my fellows?

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Will the Member of Congress, who sent me, without his name, a startling statement kindly send me his name. I will treat it in absolute confidence.